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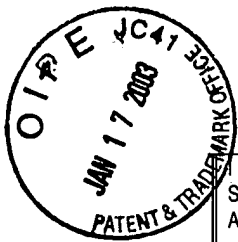
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For: NGF FOR THE PREVENTION OF
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
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Sir:

Please reconsider the Restriction Requirement mailed August 13, 2001 in light of the remarks below.

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- 1) Petition for Extension of Time;
- 2) A transmittal sheet
- 3) A receipt indication postcard.

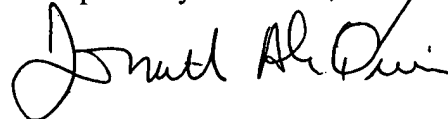
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement of **August 13, 2001**, Applicants elect the claims of Group II, claims 7-11 and 16, with traverse.

Applicants note that this application is a 371 national stage application of PCT/EP98/02029. Accordingly, the standards for restriction are those of "unity of invention" pursuant to PCT practice (MPEP at 1850). The Action correctly suggests that unity of invention applies, but then incorrectly supposes that the technical feature for unity is simply NGF. This is not correct. The relevant technical feature in the pending claims is the treatment of diseases in which demyelination of nerve fibers occurs, with NGF and related compounds. Accordingly, the restriction is premised upon an incorrect reading of the technical features of the claims.

Applicants further note that the claims of the international application were examined together, supporting the fact that unity of invention is found in the claims. Moreover, given that the claims were co-examined without any undue difficulty on the part of the international office, the provisions of MPEP § 803 (B) apply, i.e., because it has already been demonstrated that there is no undue burden for examination, the claims should be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,



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